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THE FIRE WORKS.

A Grand Display Bringing Inauguration Day to a Brilliant Close.

Washington, March 4 .- The public celebration of the day ended with a display of fireworks. In character it was like all displays of fireworks, but in volume and variety it is said to have excelled any pyrotechnical exhibition upon this continent. It was successful to the minutest detail, although the stage of preparation late in the afternoon was not encouraging.

The scene of the exhibition was the White lot an area of two or three hundred acres sloping gently away from the south fronts of the Treasury, Executive Mansion and State Department. The night was moonless, but clear, and uncounted crowds began early to find their way toward the spot from every quarter of the city. For an hour or more they waited watching, for want of better entertainment, the passage from point to point of torches in the hands of workmen or their attendants, who were putting the finishing touches to the frames, and commenting meanwhile upon the singular appearance of the monument, a hundred rods beyond the fireworks enclosure. The lower third of the shaft was not visible, but all above was dimly outlined like a ghost of itself against the black sky and reflecting to its peaks the rays of electric lights in the c.ty and half a mile away. It seemed enormously higher than by daylight and to have not the slightest relation to terrestrial things.

# OLD STAMPS.

had a mania for collecting them, and simply as a curiosity. She sent them to us in a big trunk and told us there was a million in all. Most of them were tied up as you see in little bundles containing five hundred stamps each, but a large proportion were loose in the trunk. She began collecting them nearly ten years ago, she told me, when some one promised to pay one hundred dollars to the first person who collected that number.

She started her collection with many others who saw the advertisement, and so far as known is the only one succeeding in getting the required number. Of course, the advertisement was a joke, and whoever inserted it never expected to see any one persevere in collecting the million stamps. Our customer, however, was not discouraged, and finally became so interested in completing the collection that she interested all her friends and acquaintance in the cause, and people used to send her stamps from all parts of the country. We paid twenty-five dollars for the lot. Here are foreign stamps that we sell for one hundred dollars a million," continued the dealer as he opened several wide, deep drawers filled to the top with used postage stamps of foreign countries. "These comprise about fifty varieties of the commonest stamps in use, principally English, French, German and Italian. They are not worth any more than ordinary two and three cent United States stamps in our business, and we can afford to sell them cheap. They are sent to us by the bushel by the agents and collectors whom we have in all foreign countries, and we simply take them as they come. The rarer varieties are all sorted out and placed in catalogues, but the mass are dumped into these drawers and sold by the bulk. In valuable collections nearly all the stamps are unused, and in many instances the collector will pay high prices for specimens of the first proofs taken from the die. A very good collection of used stamps, including all stamps issued, except the very mrest, can be made for one hundred dollars. Sometimes five hundred dollars will ba

paid for a rare stamp when only a very limited number are known to be in existance. But this does not occur often. The number of postage stamps which have been issued by countries since 1840 | fight had not a stomach for fighting. when they first came out into fashion with the penny-post in England, is something over five thousand. There are hundreds of stamp dealers in this country and the number of stamps sold andually, to collectors, is up among the millions."

#### ELIZABETHAN MEDICINE.

"Yes, "said the proprietor of the store," The housewife was the great ally of Pa, was afflicted for six years with asth-we buy stamps, but not those of the the doctor in the days of good ma and bronchitis, during which time ordinary kind, although we purchased a Queen Bess ; in the still-room the lady the best physicians could give no relief. lot a few days ago from an old lady who with the ruff and farthingale was ever busy in the preparation of cordials conserves, cooling waters and simples. "All the herbs and flowers of field and garden passed through her white hands." Poppy water was good for weak stom. achs; mint and rue-water was efficacious for the head and brain ; and even walnuts yielded a cordial. Then there was cinnamon water, and essence of cloves, and pay us \$2.25 in advance for yourself, gilly-flowers and lemon water, sweet and both will get the "N. Y. Weekly advertised for a million stamps and gilly-flowers and lemon water, sweet marjoram water, and spirits of ambergris.

Some of the remedies gravely believed in in those days will make the reader smile. Who would suppose nowadays that the herb called shepherd's pouch held in the hand would stop the bleeding of a severe sword wound, or a dram of scrapings from a human skull taken daily in white wine stay hemorrhage? Lady Macbeth's doctor would have composed a poultice of pounded garden snails, while a quart of ale, dram of treacle, handful of rue, and a spoonful of tin shavings, boiled together, composed a remedy against the bite of a mad dog. The plague remedies were very numerous, and in all probability never effectual ; if the patient recovered at all he had to thank his own constitution. One of the plague waters is composed of rue, agrimony, wormwood, sage, ringwort, pimpernel, marigold, feverfew, sorrel, rosemary, angelica, burdock, green walnuts, shredded into a kind of salad, and mixed with roots. These were infused for three days, covered close, and then distilled. "Some think," says old Burton, "physicians kill as many as they save, and who can tell how many murders they make in a year, that may freely kill a man and have a reward for it." Who, indeed, especially if allowed to prescribe as above? But Burton, who wrought over sixty years after the death of Elizabeth, recommends as infallible a human skull ground to powder, the corns in a horse's legs, and a wolf's liver.

The whole system of medicine in the days under review was founded on a series of curious theoretical vie vs. partly those of Paracelsus. This physician divided the body into humors and spirits ; the humors were blood, phlegm, choler and melancholy. Courage was supposed to have its seat in the heart and stomach, reason in the head, and passion in the liver ; a white-livered man was a coward, and he who would not

#### EANGAROOS AND RABBITS.

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A rabbit is an object of great interest to children, while the kangaroo is justly regarded as one of the most curious of all the lower species. But in Australia both of these animals are looked upon as unmitigated curses. Their fecundity is so great that they fairly overrun the SELLE ?S' country, and annually put all the crops in peril. There are no lions, tigers, leopards or panthers in Australia, in short, no carniverous animals to feed upon the kangaroo in case they should get too numerous. In former times use, for the care of coughs, colds, croup, there was a species of wild dog who was hoarseness, tickling sensation of the the enemy of the kangaroo, but he had throat, whooping congh, etc. Over a an unfortunate taste for mutton, and million bottles sold within the last few Australia is the greatest grazing country years. It gives relief wherever used. in the world. So the people waged war and has the power to impart benefit that against the dog, and no w they have their cannot be had from the cough mixtures reward in such enormous numbers of now in use. Sold by all druggists at 25 kangaroos and rabbits that every crop is cents per bottle. put in danger by them. They are slaughtered in vast quantities. Kangaroo hunts are constantly under way, but the animal multiplies more rapidly than it can be killed off. Killing kangaroo is poor sport. They cannot fight nor be followed by dogs and horses; they must be headed off and shot in passing.  $\Lambda$ gang of kangaroos unobstructed would ruin a large farm in a few hours. Frederick the Great once said that he never could understand why the Almighty put so much sand in Prussia, and the Australian farmers are quite a much puzzled to account for the kangaroos and rabbits in their country.

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## THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Why do we hear so much about dys pepsia? Simply because so many have it. Why are so many people taiking about their cure from this dreadful disease? Simply because they have been taking Brown's Iron Bitters. Thus it was with Mirs. Taylor, of Lynchburg, Sumter county, S. C., who says, "I have used Brown's Iron Bitters for dyspepsia with most favorable results, I believe this redicine is all that is represented." Dyspepsia, and sufferers from neuralgiz, weakness, etc., should try it.

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FIND NEW NAMES

In some old-fashioned families the practice still prevails of retaining the same set of Christian names from generation to generation, with a natural result that each member of one of these families is constantly subjected to the inconvenience of being mistaken for his father or his cousin. In the giving of names, considerations of sentiments ought always to give way to those of convenience. It is satisfactory to observe that the very commonest of our Christian names are fast loosing their excessive popularity, and that the custom of giving double names, and that of using surnames as Christian names is decidedly becoming more general. These useful innovations are especially to be recommended to the Smiths, the Browns, the Joneses, and all other posessors of excessively common surnames. We may reasonably hope that, in a generation or two, there may no longer be any plain John Smiths to lament the inconvenience of bearing a name which is pretically "no name at at all." Although as a rule it is well to avoid anything very eccentric or unusual in the choice of a Christian name, it may fairly be allowed that those families which have extremely common surnames are entitled to a dispensation from this general law.

# AN OPERA GLASS.

The power of opera glasses is from two and a half to five times that of the average eye. That is to say, if you are forty feet away from the stage, an opera glass will put you on the same footing with those who are from eight to sixteen feet away. There are several simple tests of the power of the opera glass. The most convenient one, perhaps, is to pin a card on the wall and to look through the right barrel of the glass with your left eye. The difference between the actual distance as measured by your right eye and the apparent distince as measured through the glass, will represent the difference between your eyes and the glasses. Of course, this is only an estimate, but a fairly accurate and sufficient one can be made. The field glasses which many people bring to the theatres range in power from six to nine times that of the eye.

To enter safely into the marriage state, the contracting parties should understand human nature, and above all, their own dispositions, and then com pare them Irankly and candidly.

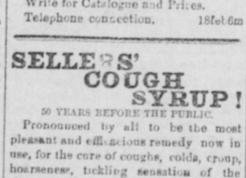
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### TABLE CUSTOMS IN NEW ORLEANS.

Very few housekeepers set tables. You are served in the morning before you get out of bed with a cup of coffee as good as can be found anywhere in the world, and some bread or little Creole pie-crust cakes. There is no trouble about your meals. There is a restaurant on every corner or so, or you can have your meals served hot, and at the most reasonable rates. As a general thing, however, they do not "go in heavy" for breakfast. Your coffee is supposed to satisfy you until midday, when you take a slight lunch at some saloon. About six in the evening you sit down to the big meal of the day. Supper there is none, unless you drop in at the theatre, after which you eat something light. This, at least, you will find the natives doing, and those who have been visiting New Orleans each winter for some years will tell you that it is the most comfortable way to live there and best suited to the climate.

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